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FROM AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN - PRESIDENTIAL REPRESENTATIVE ON
ILO MATTERS TO AMBASSADOR HARGROVE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ILO, PORG, CA

SUBJ: US ILO POLICY

REF: CANBERRA 1610

1. AFTER EXAMINATION OF THE AIDE MEMOIRE I FEEL IT WOULD
BE USEFUL FOR YOU OR YOUR POLITICAL COUNSELOR TO
TALK TO STREET AND TELL HIM THAT THE STATEMENT IN PARA-
GRAPH 2, "WE RECOGNIZE THE US UNDERLYING DESIRE TO REMAIN
A MEMBER OF THE ILO", IS REALLY INAPPROPRIATELY PUT, AS I
MADE QUITE CLEAR TO STREET AND PEACOCK AND THEIR RESPECTIVE
ENTOURAGES. WE DESIRE TO REMAIN A MEMBER OF THE ILO
ONLY IF A WORKING ALLIANCE OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES
ON ISSUES OF PRINCIPLE CAN BE DEVELOPED, OTHERWISE WE
"DESIRE" TO LEAVE THE ILO.

2. I SUSPECT THE AIDE MEMOIRE WAS DRAFTED PRIMARILY
BY MACKENZIE, AND I THINK HE IS TOO CUTE BY HALF. I
DO NOT THINK IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE IN A PRIVATE
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CONSERVATION WITH STREET TO SUGGEST THAT. IT IS

OBVIOUS THAT SOMEONE, AND I SUSPECT MACKENZIE, THOUGHT
RESPONDING IN THE FORM OF THIS AIDE MEMOIRE WAS DESIGNED
TO TRY TO PIN DOWN CERTAIN "COMMITMENTS" ON OUR PART,
PARTICULARLY OUR ATTITUDE ON CONTRIBUTIONS DURING THE
PERIOD OF NOTICE.

3. I AM FRANKLY SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTED IN THIS STYLE
SINCE I THOUGHT THAT STREET WOULD RECOGNIZE MACKENZIE'S
COMMITMENT TO DEFEND PAST ILO PRACTICES; HAWK CERTAINLY
DID.
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